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1. Following recent events in the Control Council, the SMA has pointed out to chiefs of the Press Departments of the Länder that the opportunity now exists to declare that, the Control Council having been rendered ineffective by the western powers, there no longer exists any body representative of all Germany. This must be publicized in every way and emphasized at all SED Party meetings.
2. The SMA also wishes the Volksrat to declare that there is great danger of the Control Council machinery ceasing to function altogether. They further want a definite statement from the German side to the effect that there now exists no body to which Germans can turn on current matters of common interest.
3. Arising out of this situation, the SMA wishes the Volksrat to declare itself a stopgap or emergency body, which aims at creating at least some kind of unity. They also want the Volksrat to appear in the eyes of the whole of Germany as an example of German self-help, to counter the ineffectiveness of the four Allies. Any objection that, as a result, the Volksrat might appear to be contrary to Allied policy, would be countered by the SMA giving the Volksrat any kind of support it wanted.
4. The SMA is aware that in western Germany there is considerable criticism of the policy of the western Allies and that the desire to be free of the occupying powers is a factor which would unite all Germans. Because of this, the Russians are considering the withdrawal of their troops from Germany at the right moment, in order to create a correspondingly great impression. They expect that such an action would have a profound effect, and that the population of the three western zones would be thereby convinced that Russian policy in the Eastern Zone is beneficial to the German population.
5. The SMA is going ahead with the plan to stage the elections in early autumn, by which time there will be a single list only. This will be known either as the Demokratische Einheitspartei or, possibly, as the Deutscher Volksrat.

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6. The name "Volksrat" was chosen with considerable deliberation in order that there might be a similarity between Kontroll-rat and Volksrat.

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